

House Bill 1224 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 23rd, Rice of the 51st, Day of the 163rd, Collins of the 27th, Levitas of the 82nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide a defense for drivers who no longer have a vision condition warranting restricted driving; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, is amended in Code Section 40-5-30, relating to restrictions on drivers' licenses, by revising subsection (c) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) The department, upon receiving satisfactory evidence of any violation of the restrictions of such license, may suspend the license for a period of six months. The department shall reinstate the license at the end of six months upon receipt of a reinstatement fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 if paid by mail.

(d) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a restricted license issued to him or her; provided, however, that at the time of the hearing on such offense, if such person was charged with driving in violation of a restriction requiring that he or she wear eyeglasses or contact lenses, such person shall not be guilty of such offense if he or she presents the trial court with admissible medical or other evidence sufficient to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the trial court that he or she no longer suffers from the vision condition that resulted in the imposition of such restriction."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.